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(B) HUBBARD-LAASE SEPTEMBER 27 TELECON

1. USG HAS RECEIVED THREE COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOC TO DATE
IN SUPPORT OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR OECD MEMBERSHIP:

A. LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1976 FROM COLOMBIAN FINANCE

MINISTER BOTERO TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON;

B. NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1976 FROM COLOMBIAN CHARGE TO

THE SECRETARY; AND

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C. NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1976 FROM COLOMBIAN MFA TO

THE EMBASSY.

2. SINCE BOTERO'S ORIGINAL SEPTEMBER 13 TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP (REF A) INDICATED GOC WOULD BE APPROACHING MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR COLOMBIAN APPLICATION, MISSION AY INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT OF RECEIPT BY USG OF ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE.

3. COLOMBIAN RATIONAL IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION, AS STATED IN ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE, IS THAT:

- A. COLOMBIA'S PARTICIPATION IN OECD WOULD BE POSITIVE STEP TOWARDS PERMANENT WORKING-LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN LDCS AND INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS;
- B. OECD ALREADY INCLUDES SOME SEMI-INDUSTRIALIZED MEMBERS; AND
- C. COLOMBIA IS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY WITH A FAVORABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHICH, IF ANY, OTHER MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY GOC AND, IF SO, WHETHER COLOMBIAN ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION ARE SIMILAR TO ABOVE. KISSINGER

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